Increase in Number of Permanent Members of UN Security Council

2341. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had formally proposed any increase in the number of permanent members of U. N. Security Council;

(b) if so, the precise details of the proposal; and

(c) the response of the other member countries to the same?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINGH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). In his address to the United Nations General Assembly, the External Affairs Minister stated that the UN should examine, as a matter of urgency, the proposals for an expansion of the Security Council to reflect the increased membership of the United Nations and to ensure a more equitable and balanced representation of the members of the United Nations in the Security Council.

(c) A number of countries support the proposal concerning the expansion of the Security Council. The Nonaligned countries have also endorsed this call in their Ministerial level meeting at Accra in September 1991.

Evolving Hybrid Cotton Varieties

2342. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton breeders in Indian Agricultural Research Institute have achieved breakthrough in evolving hybrid cotton varieties suitable for cultivation in Northern States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (b). Sir, The Indian Agricultural Research Institute has developed a few inter-specific (*Gosaypium hirsutum X G barbadense*) cotton hybrids, likely to be suitable for cotton wheat double cropping system of North India.

Copper, MICA and Gold Deposits in Tamil Nadu

2343. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether copper mica and gold deposits have been found in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government for their exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *Copper:* Exploration carried out by various State and Central Government agencies in Mamandur multimetal deposit has revealed two are bodies- a sphalerite rich multimetal (copper, lead, zinc, silver) ore body and a chalcopyrite rich ore body. The reserves in sphalerite rich ore body are estimated to be 0.66 million tonnes with an average metal content of about 5.5% zinc, 1.19% copper, 0.45% lead and 4 gms. per tonne silver. The chalcopyrite rich ore body contain 0.13 m.. tonnes of ore with a metal content of 0.62% copper, 0.69% zinc, 0.12% lead.

Mica: Small prospects of mica have been reported in Nilgiri, Trichi, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem and Kanyakumari districts.

Gold: Exploration carried out by Geological Survey of India in Adakonda in

Dharmapuri district have estimated a potential reserve of 67,095 tonnes of gold ore with 1.03 g/t of gold. Placer gold is found in the alluvial deposits of Ponnaiyar and Paar river systems draining the Kolar Gold fields.

(c) The copper and gold deposits located so far have not been found to be economically viable for exploitation. The exploitation of mica is mostly in private sector.

National Conference on Agriculture

2344. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi campaign 1991-92 was held in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the suggestions made at the Conference; and

(c) the follow-up action taken by the Government to implement the suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign, it was observed that there was likely to be a shortfall in the production of kharif foodgrains 1991 from the targeted level. The discussions during the National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign were basically directed towards evolving the requisite strategies to make up the losses suffered in kharif foodgrains during 1991 and also to attain rabi targets 1991-92. The measures/ programmes and the thrust areas as suggested after discussion with the State Governments are detailed hereunder:-

(i) Additional coverage of area under rabi crops, more particularly in areas which were left fallow during the kharif seasons.

(ii) Sowings of early/short duration crops under rainfed conditions without disturbing the normal winter crop pattern.

(iii) Timely showings of regular winter crop to attain higher productivity.

(iv) To work out a reservoir action plan in respect of major and medium irrigation sources and to finalise the irrigation schedule, so that irrigation water could be provided at critical stages of crop growth.

(v) Larger area coverage under rabi/ summer rice in the States of West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam and Orissa.

(vi) Preparation of action plan for covering the the additional irrigated area to be developed during the current year. The States of U.P. and Bihar were requested to pay special attention to the development of area under tube-wells and bamboo borings under the assistance to small and marginal farmers programme.

(vii) Uninterrupted supply of power for irrigation an adequate availability of diesel for agricultural purposes.

(viii) Special emphasis under SFPP (Wheat) on selected components with reference to the constraints prevailing in different States.